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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DOUGLAS RUGG )  
 SERIAL NO: 09/527,066 ) GROUP ART UNIT  
 FILED: March 17, 2000 ) 3727  
 FOR: BAG FOR CARRYING A BALL ) EXAMINER  
                             ) STEPHEN P. GARBE  
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 Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
OF THREE (3) MONTHS FOR RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF

Dear Sir:

An Office Action dated July 25, 2002, was received in the above identified Application which set a time for response of three (3) months from the date thereof, requiring that a response be filed on or before October 25, 2002. Under 35 U.S.C. Section 133, the maximum period set for response is six (6) months.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as EXPRESS MAIL NO. EU788311256US in an envelope addressed to:  
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Date of Signing: January 24, 2003

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Date of Mailing: January 24, 2003

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), the undersigned elects to extend the shortened statutory time from response by three (3) month, which extends the response date from October 25, 2002 to January 25, 2003. The Small Entity Fee set in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3) for responding three (3) months beyond the shortened statutory time for response is \$465.00. A check for \$465.00 is enclosed. If any additional fees are due, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

Based on the above, the shortened statutory time for reply is extended three (3) months to January 25, 2003, by filing this Petition for an extension of time prior to or with the response due herein and payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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